Serial No.: 09/679,138 Examiner: Joshua A. Kading

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** 

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner indicated that the oath/declaration was

defective for various reasons. As requested by the Examiner, a new Oath/Declaration executed

by the inventors are hereby submitted.

Regarding objection of claim 14 and the rejections of claims 1, 4, 5, 12-18, 21, 22 and

29-31 in the outstanding office action, Applicants have canceled these claims and therefore

respectfully request that these objections and rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 8-11 and 25-28 remain, with the Examiner acknowledging that these claims are

allowable as the prior art of record fails to disclose or teach what is claimed.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for

allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections

set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any

further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the

undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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